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## Elba man arrested last week on multiple sexual abuse charges

According to Coffee County Jail reports, Douglas Marler, age 35, of Elba currently is in jail facing multiple charges of sexual abuse and rape.

Jail records show that Marler was booked into the county jail at 2:35 p.m. Friday, April 28, following an arrest by Elba Police. His charges include attempted rape - first degree [\$30,000 bond],



Douglas Marler

two counts of sexual abuse - first degree [\$15,000 bond each], and two counts of sodomy - first degree [no bond listed for these two charges].

No other information has been released by Elba Police on Marler's arrest. He remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.

## Two men arrested last week in Elba on drug-related charges

Two drug-related arrests were made last week by Elba Police, according to Coffee County Jail records.

Christopher Blietz, age 29, of Elba, was booked into the county jail at 6:08 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, following his arrest. The charges on record include possession of a controlled substance, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The jail records show no bond set for either charge.



Blietz (left); Wilson (right)

possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], tampering with physical evidence [\$5,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,000 bond], and misdemeanor failure to appear [\$500 bond].

According to the county jail records, each of these men remained in the jail as of press time this week.

## CCBOE accepts resignation of New Brockton teacher during called meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education held a called meeting Thursday, April 27, at noon, and the only action taken by the board, other than voting to enter an executive session, was the acceptance of a resignation letter from a New Brockton School teacher.

After calling the meeting to order, the board members voted to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. After they returned to open session, board members voted to approve the superintendent's recommendations for personnel matters.

The only matter listed on the Superintendent Kelly Cobbs list was to accept the resignation of HeartLee Sanders as a teacher at New Brockton High School, effective immediately.

No further details were provided.

The Coffee County Board of Education will meet this Thursday, May 4, for the board's regular monthly meeting. That is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.



**LOOKING TO BRING A BLUEWAY TRAIL TO ELBA...**This group of interested folks gathered recently at the Elba Public Library to discuss the possibility of bringing a Blueway Trail to Elba's Pea River and Whitewater Creek. This is a project of Restoration 154, according to Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, and that group is working with the National Park Service [NPS] as part of a grant award from NPS. A blueway water trail is a marked route navigable waterways such as rivers, lakes, canals, and coastlines for recreational use. Blueway trails allow access to waterways for watercraft - including non-motorized boats, inner tubes, etc. NPS is providing a service to Elba to help locate ways to take advantage of its natural resources, like the Pea River and Whitewater Creek. Meeting participants included (shown above in a round table discussion at the Elba Public Library): Mayor Maddox; Greg Hanchey, Elba Parks and Recreation; Sandy Williams, Elba Chamber of Commerce/Mainstreet and Tourism; Steve Northcutt, The Nature Conservancy; Ed Poolos, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Rachel Armstrong, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission; Justin Maddox, Restoration 154; Laurie Chapman, Restoration 154; Bill Lane, National Parks Service; Jeff Powell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Alabama Ecological Services Field Office; Evelyn Moreno, National Parks Service; Tony and Amanda Johnson, owners of Pea River Outdoors; Gappa Wise, Elba City Councilman; and Anna Mitchell, Auburn University Landscape Architecture.

## During April 24th Coffee County Commission meeting

### County engineer provides update on road resurfacing projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County engineer Marty Lentz provided an update on resurfacing projects during the Monday, April 24, county commission meeting held in New Brockton.

Lentz said the resurfacing

portion of the projects for County Roads 266 and 157 were complete. He also noted that resurfacing on County Road 636 was scheduled to begin the second week in May, according to the contractor.

Regarding County Rd. 636, Lentz said just under

9 miles of roadway would be resurfaced, and the actual resurfacing portion should take approximately 2-3 weeks. After resurfacing work is finished, he said there would be some shoulder work for county employees to finish but not as much as required on County Rds. 266 and 157.

Environmental services coordinator Mike Thornton asked commissioners to approve a new annual bid contract for alternative daily cover at the landfill. He said LSC Environmental Products was the only company to bid for the product, and this is the company with the contract currently. "They've really become the only player in the field," Thornton said of LSC Environmental Products. The new bid price was \$24.19 per bag for a full truckload of 880 bags. Thornton said this was about \$2 more per bag from the previous year's bid, but that was still 'in line' with the inflation being seen for products.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the bid contract.

Also, Thornton noted that the county landfill would be open and operational on

Memorial Day, which will be Monday, May 29, this year.

Upon recommendation of county administrator Rod Morgan, commissioners voted to enter a contract to allow the Sheriff's Office to work on transitioning from its web page to a phone-based app for pushing information out to county residents. He said this transition would take place in the near future.

Also, during the meeting, commissioners voted to appoint Morgan, assistant county engineer Michael Walters, and Commissioners Sonny Moore to serve on the Coffee County Solid Waste Disposal Authority board. Morgan had previously been serving and was reappointed.

Probate Judge Jodee Thompson was reappointed to continue serving on the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board. Morgan said Thompson had been an asset serving on that board for the county.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, May 8, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the commission building in New Brockton.



**THE ELBA TIGERS BOYS GOLF TEAM TOOK FIRST PLACE** Tuesday, May 2, in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 1A/2A Boys Section 1 Sectional Tournament played in Greenville, Ala. Elba topped second place Pike Liberal Arts School from Troy by eight strokes with an overall team score of 321 while Pike Lib had an overall team score of 329. Third place went to Wicksburg High with an overall team score of 360, fourth place was Washington County with an overall team score of 369, while Brantley High finished fifth with a team score of 371, and Pleasant Home High was sixth with a team score of 419. The Elba golfers are pictured here with their Class 1A/2A Sectionals Championship plaque - (from left) Coach Mark Wicker, Powell Bane, Alex Wisecup, Bradley Chapman, Jay Wilson, and Trace Grantham.

## Elba City councilman addresses "clean up" needs around town

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, April 24, councilman Gappa Wise asked for the city crews to take a look at "sprucing up" some things around town before the Rockin' the River event set for Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6, in Elba. Wise presented photos of the "Welcome to Elba"

signs along Hwy 189 and Hwy 87 coming into the city. He said both these signs need immediate attention due to overgrowth of weeds (the sign along Hwy 189 is pictured to the right - top photo is the one Wise presented at the council meeting and bottom photo shows the sign as of Tuesday, May 2nd). A check on the signs earlier this week showed the councilman's request had been met with the landscape looking much cleaner.

Also, Wise was concerned over the condition of the fountain located on the square in Elba. During the April 24th meeting, he said it again was looking rough with water overflowing and appearing dirty. Wise said there obviously is still something wrong with the operation of that fountain. He said it would be nice to have that cleaned up as well before the May 5th-6th event that will bring lots of people to the downtown square.



## Rockin' the River set for Saturday in Elba

The annual Rockin' the River event will be Saturday, May 6, in Elba. Activities will be held at Tiger Town Park and on the Square in downtown Elba.

The day's activities will include the Foggy Bottom Car Show, River Run 5K, Kayak Race, Redneck River Run, Food Truck Alley and Vendors, Live Music, Art Expo, Pop-Up Elba History Museum, Cornhole Tournament, Art Demonstrations, Silent Auction, Arts & Crafts, Sidewalk Chalk Competition, Rubber Ducky Race, Rollin' on the River Skate Party, and more.

Visit [www.rockintheriverelba.com](http://www.rockintheriverelba.com) for more information and event times.

## Area Happenings

**Elba City School's presentation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.** @ begins Thursday, May 4, and continues through Saturday, May 6th. Tickets can be purchased on GoFan or can be purchased at the door. Thursday and Friday shows at 6:30 p.m. Saturday will have two show times - 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**The Evergreen Cemetery Board** will meet Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St. This meeting is open to the public.

**Local Masonic Motorcycle Riders** will conduct a Pulled Pork Plate Fundraiser to, in part, fund Christmas gifts for residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehab Center. The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located across from the Carl Folsom Airport on Larkin Road in Elba. Plates will be carryout only. Suggested donation \$10 per plate.



# BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." — Charles R. Swindoll

Last week the New York Times released the results of their food taster board on peanut butter. Being a lover of this product, we read with great anticipation the results. Well NEITHER of the two tied for first place were our favorite. One of the two was Skippy, which we have seen in the stores, however the other one was one of a dozen that were strangers to the shelves of our area stores. Coming in close behind was JIF which made our heart race, as that is our number ONE choice and a staple in our kitchen cabinet!

Elba is the place to be - come Saturday! There is a car show, kayak race, 5K river run, live music, art exhibit, Elba history museum (pop-up), silent auction, arts and crafts, a bunch of food vendors plus a lot of other things. All this at Tiger Town Park and 'on the square'! Of course we suspect the kayak race will be in the river :).

There have been more crazy shootings in the past week. One guy in Texas is accused of killing several neighbors who reportedly had asked him to move the shooting of his automatic rifle away from their house. We read where someone tried to excuse his actions by implying he was 'probably drunk'. That may be true, but he was sober enough to run after the killings (and still on the run Tuesday of this week). So, if we are on the trial jury don't try using that defense, as we think murder is murder.

Our weekly reports in the newspaper on the large number of local citizens being arrested on drug charges stirs a lot of talk among our readers. Our question every week is, 'when will we finally get them all arrested and off the streets of Coffee County?' Maybe it is a case of someone stepping up to fill a salesman's void when a half dozen citizens accused of selling drugs are suddenly off the streets and there is not a job opening!



The Elba Chamber's "Business of the Month" for May is Lawford's Hardware. This longtime, downtown square staple hardware store is owned and operated by Wayne and Betty Lawford (pictured above).

## Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday, May 6, in Elba

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held Saturday, May 6, in historic downtown Elba, Ala., as part of the 2023 Rockin' the River event.

The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In case of

rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th.

There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants.

For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 or register online at [www.rockintheriverelba.com](http://www.rockintheriverelba.com) [or register the day of the event on site].

The car show is sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 25, 2023, and Monday, May 1, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Apr. 25** - Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 141 (2:26 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (4:16 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1649 Boswell St (8:32 a.m.); Animal complaint on Flats Dirt Rd (8:33 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 16105 Hwy 167, New Brockton (8:49 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 123 Dunham Ave N (4:20 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 689 Hwy 141 (9:38 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

**Wednesday, Apr. 26** - Suspicious circumstances reported in Mulberry Heights (1:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Reese Ave - w/ impound (7:58 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 312 Simmons St (8:57 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1649 Boswell St (10:02 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 411 Moore Ave - w/ arrest (4:38 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one written warning, two citations, and two verbal warnings.

**Thursday, Apr. 27** - Animal complaint reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:37 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1131 Guyton St (6:22 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 777 Claxton Ave N (6:52 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported on Caroline St (7:20 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one written warning, and one citation.

**Friday, Apr. 28** - Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (6:36 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Ann St (7:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1359 Smith Ave (8:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Champ McCollough Dr - w/impound (9:29 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 406 Moore Ave (11:12 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 607 Mullins Circle (6:37 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, and one citation.

**Saturday, Apr. 29** - Criminal mischief reported at 925 Smith Ave (9:27 a.m.). One traffic stop resulted in no action taken.

**Sunday, Apr. 30** - Burglary reported at 707 Simmons St (10:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 944 Sunset Blvd (10:54 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 - w/ citation issued (2:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Davis St E (3:50 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (11:55 p.m.).

**Monday, May 1** - Traffic accident reported at 3743 Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Burglary reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:29 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Farris/MLK - w/arrest (11:24 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 424 Dr Roberts Dr (1:08 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Morrow/Johnson (9:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one verbal warning.

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**HANCHEY RAISED TO MASTER MASON...**The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 members, at their regular meeting held Monday, May 1, raised Brother Seth Edmon Hanchey to a Master Mason. A social time and degree work was enjoyed by all, with over 50 Masons present (as shown above). The group was particularly proud to have Brother Rusty Beck, Grandmaster of the State of Alabama, present for the meeting.



**Visit the Pea River "Pop Up" Elba History Museum during Rockin' the River this Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** The exhibit will be displayed in Recollections Antiques annex next to the old theater on the square in downtown Elba and is sponsored by the Elba Historical Preservation Committee. Come by and see the artifacts and photos displayed. There is one of several of the large murals painted by Lamar Rainer Sr., lots of Elba flood photos, and other items on display. Anyone with something to donate also is asked to visit the exhibit and share. Also, sign up to be a part of the Committee. Above, Joan Ward and Jean Helms are pictured with some of the items on hand.

### Mizell Memorial Hospital to celebrate Hospital Week

Mizell Memorial Hospital will join hospitals across the nation in celebrating National Hospital Week this May 7-13, with the theme, "We Are Health Care".

Each year this special week gives the opportunity for hospitals and their communities to celebrate the hospitals, health systems, and the women and men who support the health and well-being of their communities through dedication and care from the heart. Mizell Memorial is an important part of the fabric of this community today and has been for over 70 years. Mizell plans to celebrate this week with activities each day.

It is important to have quality healthcare in every community. In many cases minutes, or even seconds matter. The COVID pandemic has highlighted the importance of rural healthcare. It is more important than ever to support Mizell Memorial Hospital.

The citizens of Opp and surrounding areas deserve high-quality healthcare. Mizell continues to make improvements to ensure that all patients that enter the doors of the hospital are receiving quality healthcare close to home. Mizell continuously makes upgrades to be able to better serve our community.

Over the last couple of years,

### Coppage wins Troy University's College of Education Outstanding Student Undergraduate Award

Gracie Coppage of Elba, Ala., was among the students recognized for outstanding achievements in academics, leadership and service during Troy University's annual Honors Convocation.

Coppage received the College of Education Outstanding Student

Undergraduate Award.

The Honors Convocation was held on Friday, April 21, at the Dothan Campus. Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dothan Campus Vice Chancellor, gave the welcome address, and the event was preceded by a reception for the honorees and their guests.

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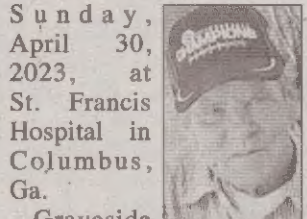
### HENRY WILLARD GRANTHAM

Mr. Henry Willard Grantham, age 70, of Phenix City, Ala., died Sunday, April 30, 2023, at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Ga.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 11 a.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala. with Rev. Jimmy Grantham officiating. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

He was preceded in death by wife - Carol Grantham; parents - Grady and Ivey Ellis Grantham; sister - Wanda Davis; brothers - GB Grantham Jr., Grady "Buster" Grantham, Eugene "Snowball" Grantham, and Benny "Pete" Grantham.

Survivors include his stepsons: Joel Mattox, Smiths Station, Ala., Frank Mattox, Columbus, Ga., and Chris Mattox, Baton Rouge, La.; grandson: Seth Mattocks, Spanish Fort, Ala.; granddaughters: Christina Mattocks, and Emma Mattocks, both of Columbus; brother: Dwyett (Marie) Grantham, and sisters: Polly Grantham, Gail (Glen) Gatlin, and Faye (Jimmy) Tillis, all of Elba.



Elba; and mother: Margaret White, Elba.

### JOHNETTA RENEE HOWELL

Mrs. Johnetta Renee Howell, age 52, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Graveside services and burial were held Monday, May 1, 2023, from Evergreen Cemetery with Mr. Douglas Howell officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Howell was preceded in death by her father - John Randolph Craddock, mother - Betty Lou Craddock, and brother - Claude Frederick Mays.

Survivors include her husband: Douglas Paul Howell, Elba; sons: John Randall Craddock, Mobile, Ala., and Christopher Wyatt Howell, Elba; brother: Dave Blaine Mays, Crestview, Fla.; and sister: Naoma Franks, Cumming, Ga.

### SELENA MODLIN KING

Mrs. Selena Modlin King, age 68, of Troy, Ala. (Jack Community), was found at her home Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy



### PAUL R. WHITE

Mr. Paul R. "Randy" White, age 58, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, May 1, 2023, at Troy Health & Rehab in Troy, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of aHayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Cary Mauldin officiating. Burial services followed in the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Randy was preceded in death by his father - James H. White Sr.

Survivors include his son: Hunter (Payton) White, Dothan, Ala.; grandsons: Greyson Cooper White, and Forrest Valor Davis, both of Dothan; brother: Hayes (Donna) White,

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Books of Remembrance. This is a book set in a common area, typically during a wake or vigil service. Guests who have come to pay their respects to the deceased and the grieving family may sign in and write messages, memories, or poems to commemorate the deceased.

Memorial Cards. Memorial cards are a small but lasting tribute to the person who has passed. They are credit card sized items that typically have a meaningful photo and words printed on them. These cards serve as a tangible memory of the loved one. They are a convenient source of familiarity and comfort for family or friends who are mourning their loss. They are typically laminated and are included in thank you notes the grieving family might send to those who could not attend the funeral, calling hours, wake, or vigil.

Prayer Cards. As part of Catholic tradition, prayer cards, or holy cards, are small cards with devotional pictures. They generally illustrate a religious scene or saint. There is a prayer printed on the back of the card. This is done so the cardholder can recite the prayer and better cope with the loss of their loved one. Giving out these cards to guests is a common practice and part of the culture of Roman Catholicism.

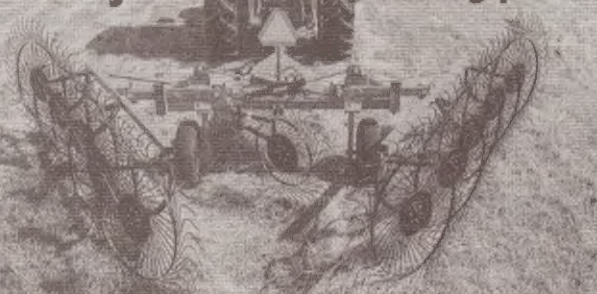
Personalized Tokens. Many other items of a more personal nature can be considered, like give aways or little knick-knacks. These may reference a hobby or skill your loved one expressed great interest in.

When preparing to celebrate and remember the life of a loved one, consider these tokens you may present to those who have come to the funeral or wake services. In doing so, you can offer support and comfort to all who are grieving and give guests a tangible way to remember and honor the person who has passed.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at  
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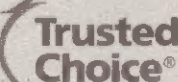
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# CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

### Covenant Community Church

#### Dads, We Can Do Better

Hello, Dads.

I've heard it said that a teen spends less than an hour a week talking with his/her father and twenty-one hours a week watching TV. Add in time spent with friends, on the phone, and social media, it's a wonder that teens have time to even sleep. Bottom line, dads, such lack of interaction, relationship building, and lack of "coaching" time from you won't cut it. Is it any wonder that our teenage children are struggling like they are?

Dad, I hope you are an exception. But chances are, we all could do better. Distractions and taking on too many commitments make it extremely challenging at times to be the dad we want to be.

Dad, do you know how much time you actually spend with your children? Why not track it over the next four weeks?

Remember: Time spent with your children spells L-O-V-E. So get a calendar and schedule some weekly time with them, doing things together, talking, just being with them in their world.

You don't have to have an agenda. The goal is simply to be together, listen, and share yourself with your children. You know—heart-to-heart! This is being intentional with your kids. Otherwise, weeks and months will slip by and you will have missed wonderful opportunities to influence your sons and daughters for their good and God's glory. And that's your goal, right?

Dad, if you want to talk to someone about your journey as a dad or any struggles you're dealing with, give me a call. I've been where you are. Here's what I know for a fact: There's help and there's always hope. Remember: God's desire is to "...turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:6).

## Homecoming will be Sunday at Victoria Baptist Church

Victoria Baptist Church, located at 54 County Rd. 210, Jack, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. Crews Wright, a talented young southern gospel singer, will share a special program of gospel music. Rev. Donnie Marler, a long-time former pastor, will deliver the Homecoming message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the morning service. The church family welcomes former members and guests "home" for a celebration of God's blessings on Victoria Baptist Church and a time of renewing old friendships and forming new friendships at the Homecoming 2023.

## Cemetery meeting planned for Antioch Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church will hold a cemetery meeting Saturday, May 13, beginning at 10 a.m., at the church. All interested in the church cemetery are urged to attend.

## Local Masonic Riders plan BBQ fundraiser for Saturday, May 20th

Local Masonic Motorcycle Riders will conduct a Pulled Pork Plate Fundraiser to, in part, fund Christmas gifts for residents of the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Elba Masonic Lodge, located across from the Carl Folsom Airport on Larkin Road in Elba. Plates will be carryout only. The plates will include pulled pork, baked beans, rice, white bread, a slice of cake, and sweet or unsweet tea. Suggested donation is \$10 per plate. Any support is greatly appreciated.

## Landmark Park to host Touch a Truck and Car Show on May 20th

Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala. will host Touch a Truck and Car show on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Kids of all ages will have a chance to see approximately 50 trucks and other pieces of equipment up close and learn about their uses. Along with the vehicles on display from local companies, representatives will be on site to teach kids about safety. Kids and adults are invited to sit in the drivers' seats and honk the horns on these large pieces of equipment.

A "quiet hour" will take place from 10-11 a.m. for kids who may be afraid of loud noises. There is no charge to enter a piece of equipment into the Touch A Truck event. Call Laura Weber at 334-794-3452 to register or email laurav@landmarkparkdothan.com. The annual Car Show will also take place during this time. There will not be a juried show this year. Instead, bring your car for the Cruise In, starting at 9 a.m. Cost to enter a car in the Cruise In is \$10 per car. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids and free for children 2 and under and for park members. Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, just three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Leashed pets allowed in dog walk area only.

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them. Proverbs 28:

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

John Nelson, Bernice Culver, Olen Barry, Mac Sue Dawson, Alice Musgrove, Ilaya O. Kelley, C.J. Arnold, Timothy Andrews, Faye Freeny, Mary Jean Warren

### June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Mienundra Banks 6/2  
Mamie Belcher 6/3  
Marchello Reed 6/3  
Lorinzer (Red) Cole 6/4  
Marion Jones 6/5  
Kimberly Dawn Kelley 6/5  
Tommy & Mary Helen Robinson 6/6 W.A.  
Rev. Willie and Ollie Peterson 6/8 W.A.  
Samantha Williams 6/8  
Debra Clark 6/9  
Sasha Obama 6/10  
Martin Henderson 6/11  
Kendalyn Belcher 6/11

### The Promise of Resurrection

As a child, I feared death. I dreaded funerals and absolutely protested viewing of bodies of the deceased. It was not until my grandmother died that my fear of death dissipated. I grieved her death, yet I was at peace with it. How could this be?

My grandmother was a devout Christian. She disciplined me, teaching me how to study the Bible, pray, fast, and serve others. When she came to the end of her earthly journey, there was no need to fear for her: through Christ she had eternal life. Her body that had suffered would be resurrected and changed by Christ's power. Her physical death was the end of her life on earth, but her life was not over. She has eternal life through Christ. Better grasping the prom-

ise of resurrection changed not only my view of death but also my view of life. This transformative promise prompts us to yield our lives in service to Christ. Have hope for His return and the resurrection! - L.H.P.

### The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District

Association Inc. will host a Praise and Worship service Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. The theme is "Restore Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation" Psalm 51:12. Prayer/Scripture: Rev. Marvin Luckett; Praise and Worship Sermon: Rev. Anthony C. Jelks, pastor, Lively Hope Baptist Church, South Pratt, Ala. Face masks and social distancing are encouraged.

### Question/Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 5/4/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Paul tells us \_\_\_\_\_

those who persecute us.

A: Bless [Romans 12:14]

Q: To show mercy to one's enemy is to heap \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ on his head.

A: Coals/Fire [Romans 12:20]

Q: If we sow sparingly, we will reap \_\_\_\_\_

A: Sparingly [11 Corinthians 9:6]

### Thought to Remember

Despite the darkness and amid our struggles, God is present.

### Questions for the Week of 5/11/23

True or False

Q: While dedicating the temple, Solomon sacrificed over 100,000 animals.

Q: God promised that the temple in Jerusalem would never be destroyed.

Q: Christ can help us when we are tempted because he was also tempted.

### Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b> <b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.</b> Richard Thorne Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. <b>BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH</b> Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. <b>BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m. <b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotten, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m. <b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m. <b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. <b>CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays <b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.	<b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. <b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. <b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m. <b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Philip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. <b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. <b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m. <b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>ELBA IS ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. <b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m. <b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Services... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. <b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	<b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. <b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m. <b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adecek, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m. <b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m. <b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. <b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. <b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP</b> John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. <b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m. <b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m. <b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirlie Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. <b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	<b>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL</b> Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m. <b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m. <b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m. <b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m. <b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. <b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m. <b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.	<b>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. <b>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Linda Williams, Pastor Sunday... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m. <b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ENTERPRISE</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m. <b>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ed Russell, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH</b> Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m. <b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m. <b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m. <b>NEW GLORIOUS COGIC</b> James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Bib. Stud. Wed... 6:00 p.m. <b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. <b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. <b>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH</b> Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.	<b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. <b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m. <b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m. <b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m. <b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. <b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. <b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m. <b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m. <b>WOOTEN CHAPEL OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m. <b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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## LIFESTYLES



## SSGT LUCCHESI SPEAKS TO DAR CHAPTER...

SSGT Deanna Lucchesi was the featured speaker at the John Coffee NSDAR meeting during National Defense Month. SSGT Lucchesi was awarded a Purple Heart in 2022 for her actions while assigned to the 82nd Aviation Regiment at Al-Asad Airbase, Iraq, where her unit came under attack by the largest ballistic missile operation ever perpetrated against U.S. forces. Multiple Iranian Qiam-1 short range ballistic missiles struck the hangers, maintenance facilities, living quarters and other support facilities primarily used by Task Force Scarecrow personnel. A warning of an imminent threat had been received. Within minutes one missile hit near her location and a second one hit shortly thereafter. SSGT Lucchesi helped relocate other soldiers in bunkers out of harm's way, as fire was spreading from one of the ballistic missiles. As she took accountability and reported up the chain of command, at least two ballistic missiles impacted the ground 25 meters of her position, resulting in her concussion and injury. SSGT Lucchesi currently serves as a Training Developer at the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Fort Novosel. Shown presenting a thank you gift to SSGT Lucchesi is Regent Jacque Hawkins of the John Coffee NSDAR Chapter.



Twenty-five students from Southeast Alabama have been announced as the 2023 recipients of the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship. These students demonstrated outstanding commitment to serving others, and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to the university, college, or technical school of their choice. This year's recipients are: Allie Bedsole, Rehoboth High School; Madison Page Bledsoe, Ashford High School; Preston Bourne, New Brockton High School; Kennedy Bullard, Straughn High School; Orlandria Chitty, Abbeville High School; Paine Cole, Dothan High School; Caroline Courson, Opp High School; Mackenzie Daniel, Luverne High School; Lauren Dodson, Cottonwood High School; Kaylen Fuller, Highland Home High School; Madeline Hamilton, Headland High School; Ella Hogan, Enterprise High School; Haley Jones, Daleville High School; Khloe' Lampley, Pike County High School; Kimberly Morton, Russell County High School; Eli Nichols, Brantley High School; Kayley Peebles, Red Level High School; Catherine Pettie, Andalusia High School; Jacob Pryor, Greenville High School; Marlon Stabler, Carroll High School; Katie Wilkins, Charles Henderson High School; Joel Wilkinson, Pleasant Home High School; Annie Wingate, Eufaula High School; Rae Winters, Elba High School; and Aiden Wright, Dale County High School. The Community Service Scholarship program is part of an overall commitment by Southeast Gas to serve area schools through its Give Back to Schools initiative. Since the scholarship's inception in 2015, 169 students have received more than \$250,000 in funding to assist with college. Additionally, local schools in the Southeast Gas service area receive direct assistance through the company's Give Back to Schools programs, totaling more than \$1,400,000 over the past 14 years. Southeast Gas provides natural gas service to 36 communities throughout Southeast Alabama, and is owned by 14 cities - Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

### "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba,

beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

### Tickets on sale for new play at Brundidge's We Piddle Around Theatre

The Brundidge Historical Society will present the brand new, original folk life play, "Well, It's All Over Town!" at the We Piddle Around Theatre in Brundidge on May 4th, 5th, and 6th.

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Call (334) 685-5524 or (334) 670-6302 or tickets.

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### Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for Saturday in Elba

The Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held this Saturday, May 6, in historic downtown Elba, Ala., as part of the 2023 Rockin' the River event.

The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In case of rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th.

There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous

makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants.

Also, the day's events will include live music, food trucks, and vendors.

For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 or register online at [www.rockintheriverelba.com](http://www.rockintheriverelba.com) [or register the day of the event on site].

### New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

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## The Elba Rotary Club

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**ELBA MASONIC LODGE REGULAR MEETING WORK...** On Monday, April 17, during the regular meeting of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, Brother Joseph Hayden Disotell was examined on his Entered Apprentice Lesson, and Brother Seth Edmon Hanchey was examined on his Fellow Craft lesson, each by Brother Mike Amison. Also, Brother Joshua Dewayne Carnley was examined on his Master Mason lesson by Harry Young. All reportedly turned in great lessons. Those pictured above include: [front, l to r] Daniel Stephens, Mike Amison, Matt Brunson Sr., Matt Brunson Jr., Seth Edmon Hanchey, Blake Austin, Joseph Hayden Disotell, Chris Sanders, Dale Stewart, Joe Daugherty, and Wayne Bryan; [middle, l to r] Shane Goude, Drexell Richards, Joshua Dewayne Carnley, Justin Prescott, Heath Hornsby, Michael Phelps, Randy Hawthorne, Eddie Kelley, Allan Crenshaw, and Joel Moore; and [back, l to r] Mike Stocke, Tommy Morrow, Wendell Black, Jerome Blackmon, and Troy Gideon III.

## LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com) and [www.alabamapublicnotices.com](http://www.alabamapublicnotices.com) at no extra charge

### NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION

Notice to: unknown father of S.B. (DOB 06/13/2007), and C.B. (DOB 01/31/2014), mother Marissa Baldwin, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 7th day of February, 2023, (set for hearing on the 7th day of July, 2023 at 19:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 3rd day of June 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-135.02 and 19 JU 2021-138.02, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

Done this, the 4th day of April, 2023.

Hon. Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Circuit  
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Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division  
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(334) 393-6439  
4-13,20,27 & 5/4-chg

**COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE** NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

**SYNOPSIS:** Relating to Coffee County, to further provide for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Coroner and a Deputy Coroner and to provide for compensation for the Chief Deputy Coroner and Deputy Coroner.

**ABILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT** Relating to Coffee County; to further provide for the

appointment of a Chief Deputy Coroner and a Deputy Coroner, to provide for compensation for the Chief Deputy Coroner and Deputy Coroner, and to repeal Section 45-16-61, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the appointment of a Deputy Coroner.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:**

Section 1. Section 45-16-62, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

§45-16-62 The coroner shall be elected at the general election and every four years thereafter, and shall serve for a term of four years.

The coroner shall appoint a chief deputy coroner from the judicial circuit division of the county where the elected coroner does not reside. The chief deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$400 per month. The coroner may appoint one deputy coroner. The deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$300 per month. The Coffee County Commission may adjust the compensation and any expense allowance for the chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner by resolution of the commission. Any compensation or expense allowance shall be paid from the county general fund by the county commission.

(c)(1) A Coroner of Coffee County who is first elected, or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, shall receive an annual base salary of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per year, which shall be paid in the same manner and at the same time as other county employees.

The annual salary provided in subdivision (1) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

If there is a break in continuous service as coroner on or after September 22, 2015, upon reappointment or reelection as coroner, he or she shall receive the base salary as provided in subdivision (1), which may be adjusted as provided in subdivision (2).

The coroner may participate in the same retirement system and the same insurance plan in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as any other employee of the county. The Coffee County Commission shall pay all expenses incurred or required by the coroner, and chief deputy coroner or deputy coroner to perform the duties of his or her office, including travel expenses pursuant to state-approved rates for state employees, radio and paging equipment and maintenance costs, and association dues and continuing education expenses. The expenses shall be paid from

the county general fund by the county commission.

Section 4. Section 45-16-61, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the appointment of a deputy coroner is repealed.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

4/20,27,5/4&11-chg.

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Covington Contracting, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of New ADA Ramp for Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School for the Coffee County Board of Education, Elba, AL, at Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School for the State of Alabama and Coffee County Owner(s) and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Covington Contracting, Inc., 400 Christy Lane  
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### Notice of Public Sale.

An online sale will be held at [www.storageentreasures.com](http://www.storageentreasures.com) for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, May 18th 2023. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE

### COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-23-028

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA LEE SKINNER, Deceased.**

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of April, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Casey Skinner Personal Representative 5/4,11&18-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-2023-027

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE MARGARET SPIRA, Deceased**

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Donna M. McVeigh, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Geraldine Margaret Spira on the 25th day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our newest grandson Cannon has a very anxious set of parents as they await the day he gets up on his knees and takes off around the house crawling. We have told them he will take off one day when he has somewhere he wants to go, and when he does they will wish he would slow down. I don't really remember our girls first steps back many years ago. However, I do know they have been going full speed ever since.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the regular season with a win last week and will head off to the playoffs with the team's most wins in many years. The Elba girls have only two seniors on the team, which should help them be successful again next season. However, the players and coaches aren't looking ahead and have their sights set on many more wins in post-season play. Nothing ever comes easy for the team in 'black and gold,' but hopefully they have saved their best for last and will give their fans plenty to cheer about in the weeks to come.

\*\*\* The Brantley Bulldogs opened the high school baseball season with three straight losses and dropped four of their first five games, but just kept on working and caught fire late in the season and have continued to sizzle in the first two rounds of the playoffs with sweeps over Calhoun and Millry to advance to the third round. A lot of people wondered what was wrong with the Bulldogs early in the season. However, they are now on a roll and are a team that no one else in 1A wants to face.

\*\*\* The Kinston Bulldogs wrapped up a playoff berth by mid-season and looked like a 1A power, but the Bulldogs lost their last five regular season games and looked like anything but a contender back two weeks ago. While the 'Dogs did see their season end last weekend with a second round loss to Sweet Water, they shocked the state with a first round sweep on the road and posted a win in the series last weekend to complete a solid season. Kinston may not have made it as far as they had hoped, but the Bulldogs once again proved they were competitive in all sports in the 1A ranks, and had a solid stellar season.

\*\*\* In closing.... Hundreds of lives were changed forever last week at the NFL Draft as the pro football league filled the pockets of former college players. Rookie contracts are locked in based on when a player is selected, with all rookie contracts being four-year deals. Bryce Young, the top pick in the draft, pulled in a \$42.2 million contract with a signing bonus of \$26.9 million, while former Crimson Tide teammates Will Anderson will get a cool \$38.2 million as the third selection and Jahmyr Gibbs will get a \$19.2 million pact as the twelfth pick. College football has become a business with the inception of the NIL contracts, but it is still easy to see why all the players set their sights on the NFL, and you can bet keep a watchful eye on their bank accounts. The sport has changed forever, even at the high school level.

## Outscore Goshen 12-11

## Elba Lady Tigers win a wild one

Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER

The Elba Lady Tigers closed the regular season last week with an exciting 12-11 win over Goshen.

Goshen jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning and upped its lead to 3-0 in the top of the second, but the Lady Tigers bats came to life in the bottom of the inning and sparked by two-out singles by A'Lyric Whitfield and Mary Brooklyn O'Neal played two runs to pull within 3-2.

Elba trailed 4-2 heading into the bottom of the fourth. However, the Lady Tigers erupted for four runs in the inning and grabbed their first lead at 6-4. Walks to A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson ignited the rally, while Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, Taylor Day, Destinee Tidwell and Danielle Tidwell all came through with key hits as the Lady Tigers went on top.

The Lady Tigers continued their rally at the plate in the fifth inning and used a two-run double by Alayvia Stinson to add four more runs to extend their lead to 10-4, only to see Goshen take advantage of Elba errors to score three sixth inning runs and close to within 10-7.

Back-to-back hits by Elba's Emily Richardson and Ana Caldwell helped the Lady Tigers up their lead to 11-7 in the bottom of the sixth, but Goshen plated four runs in the top of the seventh and pulled even at 11-11.

Elba's Alayvia Stinson reached on a leadoff single in the bottom of the seventh, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Taylor Day and went to third on a wild pitch to put the winning run only sixty



Elba Lady Tiger Aimee Senn watches the ball fly after a big hit in a recent win. The Lady Tigers closed area play with a 6-2 record.

(Photo by B.C. Sports Photography)

feet from the plate, and the Lady Tigers took advantage of the late threat and pulled out the win when Destinee Tidwell ripped an rbi single to put Elba on top to stay at 12-11.

A'Lyric Whitfield and Alayvia Stinson both had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Destinee Tidwell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Mary Brooklyn O'Neal added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Ana Caldwell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Taylor Day and Emily Richardson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Aimee Senn and Danielle Tidwell both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Zaniyah Mitchell pitched seven innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and four walks, while recording four strikeouts.



Elba Lady Tiger Emily Richardson found out that a good set of fingernails come in handy in a close game.

(Photo by B.C. Sports Photography)

## High School

## SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Statistics from GAMECHANGER

## High School Softball -

**Samson 7 New Brockton 3** - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in a 7-3 loss to Samson. Kinsley Owens had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kierstin Sunday added 1 hit. Mackenzie Jones, Kennedy Hussey and Ariana Smith combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out three.

**Brantley 6 Highland Home 0** - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat Highland Home 6-0. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, including a home-run, had 3 rbi's and scored 1 run to lead Brantley at the plate, while AC Free added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits. Kaylee Navarre pitched a complete game no-hitter with 19 strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

**New Brockton 10 Pike Lib 9** - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks jumped out to a 6-0 first inning lead and turned back a late threat to defeat Pike Liberal Arts 10-9. Kennedy Hussey had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Shelby Hobbs added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Gabby Eubanks added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Kallie Qualls and Mackenzie Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 4 earned runs on 12 hits.

**Luverne 6 Brantley 5** - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs battled from behind throughout the game in a 6-5 loss to Brantley. Campbell Hawthorne had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Emma Crawley added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaylee Navarre and Anna Free combined to pitch six and one-third innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and three walks.

**Brantley 7 Prattville 2** - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a big 7-2 win over Prattville. Emma Crawley and Campbell Hawthorne both had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits and 1 rbi, and Coco Stamps added 2 hits and scored

1 run. Anna Free was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and five walks, while striking out five.

**Prattville Christian 1 Brantley 0** - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs outhit Prattville Christian 6-4, but never found their way to the plate in a 1-0 loss. Kaitlynn Piggott had 2 hits to lead Brantley at the plate, while Campbell Hawthorne, Alex Grimes, Kaylee Navarre and Hope Richardson all added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre was the hard luck loser inside the circle as she pitched seven innings and allowed one earned run on four hits and four walks, while recording 12 strikeouts.

## Padgett brothers take third place in bass tournament fundraiser

The Straughn School Fishing Team sponsored a Bass Tournament Fund-raiser Saturday, April 22, on Gantt Lake. It was open to anyone interested (adults and youth).

Thirty-three boats registered for the event.

Drake Padgett, age 12, who has been following his older brother, Avery Padgett, for four years as he has traveled the state of Alabama fishing with the Zion

Chapel Bass Team, asked Avery if he would be available and interested in fishing this tournament and allow him to fish with him. After checking his tournament schedule, Avery agreed to fish the tournament.

On the heels of Avery's commitment, their dad immediately paid their registration fee, and Drake's anxiety level began to heighten; he had never had such an experience. Living on Point

A, Drake has been fishing in the area quite often but never in a tournament. Like he had seen his brother do in the past four years, Drake made a few shopping trips to add to his tackle collection and spent several hours organizing his tackle bag. Launch time came at 6 a.m. (before daylight) Saturday, April 22, and Avery's boat was in the water with him and Drake on board. Check-in time was 2 p.m.

Avery and Drake took home the third-place win with 11.21 pounds. They yielded first and second place to two much older and more experienced anglers.

As stated earlier, Drake is 12 and this was his first tournament; it appears that after this experience Drake has the fever and is a possible candidate for the Straughn Bass Team in the future.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Sweeps Millry 5-4, 5-4

## Brantley brings out the brooms

Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER

The Brantley Bulldogs competed in the Class 1A high school baseball playoffs last weekend and posted their second straight series sweep as they posted a pair of exciting 5-4 wins over Millry to advance to quarterfinal action.

Following are highlights of last week's playoff wins:

#### Brantley 5 Millry 4

Brantley's AJ Kilpatrick laid down a squeeze bunt

in the top of the eighth inning that allowed Cooper Layton to cross the plate with the eventual winning run in a thrilling 5-4 playoff win over Millry.

The Bulldogs owned a 4-1 lead in the third inning and appeared to be in command, but failed to score again until the eighth inning heroics gave Brantley the exciting road win.

Tyson Grant had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaleb Weed

added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jayden Parks and Jon Bush both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed two innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, while Cooper Layton pitched six innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, while striking out four.

#### Brantley 5 Millry 4

Brantley's Kaleb Weed hit a walk off rbi single in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Bulldogs a heart stopping 5-4 win over Millry, to complete a two-game sweep.

The Bulldogs trailed 4-2 heading into the sixth inning, but pulled within 4-3 in the sixth and then used seventh inning heroics to pull out the win.

Jayden Parks had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley at the plate, while Kaleb Weed and Tyson Grant both added 1 hit and had 1 rbi; and, Jon Bush and AJ Kilpatrick both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed three and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with four strikeouts. AJ Kilpatrick pitched three and one-third inning and allowed two earned runs on two hits and two walks.



Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks was the winning pitcher in both playoff games last weekend as the 'Dogs advanced to the third round of the Class 1A high school baseball state tournament.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



Brantley Bulldogs celebrate after posting another big win. The Bulldogs will meet Sweet Water this week in third round playoff action..

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

### Kinston Bulldogs ousted from 1A playoffs with three-game series loss to Sweet Water

Statistics from  
GAMECHANGER

The Kinston Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard in the opening game of last week's Class 1A baseball playoff series in a 9-7 win over Sweet Water, but managed only four runs in the next two games as they

saw their season end after being outscored 10-0 and 11-4.

Following are highlights of the three playoffs games:

#### Kinston 9 Sweet Water 7

The Kinston Bulldogs scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to open up a 9-5 lead and

held on late to post an impressive 9-7 playoff win over Sweet Water.

The score was tied at 3-3 after three innings, but the Bulldogs outscored Sweet Water 6-2 in the middle three innings to take command and never lost control to claim the win.

Cade Jones had 4 hits and 3 rbi's to lead Kinston at the plate, while CJ Lunsford added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Owen Patterson added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Cale Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Cale Sumblin was the winning pitcher as he tossed four and two-thirds innings, allowed three earned runs on two hits and three walks, and struck out eight. Drew Branch picked up a save as he pitched two and one-third innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits and four walks, while striking out two.

#### Sweet Water 10 Kinston 0

The Kinston Bulldogs failed to get a hit in a 10-0 playoff loss to Sweet Water, in the nightcap of the opening night's action.

Kinston trailed only 3-0 heading into the third inning, but could never quiet the Sweet Water bats and could never get its own bats to warm up as the Bulldogs dropped game two of the best of three series.

Owen Patterson drew a walk to prevent a perfect game, while CJ Lunsford, Cade Jones, Drew Branch and Tripp Hawthorne combined to pitch four innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits and seven walks.

#### Sweet Water 11 Kinston 4

The Kinston Bulldogs trailed only 2-1 heading into the third inning, but couldn't keep up the pace in an 11-4 playoff loss to Sweet Water. Reece Hall had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Marcus Free and Colby Tew both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Owen Patterson added 1 hit and 1 rbi. CJ Lunsford and Cade Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 11 earned runs on eight hits and nine walks, while striking out eight.



Kinston Bulldog Cale Sumblin (24) prepares to deliver a pitch in last weekend's playoff series against Sweet Water. The Bulldogs dropped the series 2-1 as their season came to an end.

(Photo by Linda Hodge, Editor)

## BASS

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Drake thanks Avery for allowing him to fish with him and teaching him some new tricks for catching bass. He also thanks the Straughn Fishing Team for sponsoring an outstanding tournament and his family who came for the weigh-in.

**PHOTO to the RIGHT:** Avery Padgett, left, fished the Straughn Bass Team's fundraiser event on Gantt Lake recently with his younger brother, Drake Padgett (right). This was Drake's first fishing tournament. The brothers placed third in the event. They are shown holding the fish that vaulted them to third place in the fundraising event that featured over 30 boats.

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Kinston Bulldog Owen Patterson (6) crosses the plate to help the 'Dogs win game one of last weekend's 1A playoff series over Sweet Water.

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